While Government have seen the reported statement of the Pakistan Prime Minister to the effect that both sides have to go beyond stated positions regarding Jammu and Kashmir, statements by Pakistani spokesmen following the military coup, including those by General Pervez Musharraf, indicate that Pakistan's assertions of territorial claims in J and K continue.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under Pakistan's illegal and forscible occupation. India is committed to resolve all outstanding issues with Pakistan in accordance with the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration. We except Pakistan to demonstrate its adherence to these agreements through its abandonment of cross-border terrorism and hostile propaganda.

Precautionary Steps by the Tourists of Philippines

927. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign affairs Ministry of the Government of Philippines has advised the tourists from that country to take precautionary steps while touring India in view of the incidents of religious violence in India;

(b) whether the notification issued by the said Foreign Affairs department, particulary mentions that the target of religious fanatics in India are domestic and foreign Christians; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to such statements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A protest has been formally lodged with Government of Philippines.